These include, inter alia, strengthening of public distribution system for essential commodities, supply of foodgrains to weaker sections under special schemes, regulated releases of sugar and edible oils and mopping of excess liquidity in the system.

(c) Government employees and employees in the public sector and local bodies are paid dearness allowance so as to compensate them for the rise in cost of living. Similar arrangements for compensation also exist in respect of employees in the organised sectors. As for labourers in the non-organised sector, legislation such as Minimum Wages Act, provides for fixation of wages which are periodically reviewed taking into account various factors including increase in the cost of livng.

Telecast of the World Cup Cricket, 1987

1000. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what special steps Doordarshan propose to take to provide excellent coverage of the World Cup Cricket 1987 which is to be co-hosted by India and Pakistan in the latter part of the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Doordarshan propose to take the following special measures to ensure that the coverage of World Cup Cricket 1987 conforms to international standards:—

(i) Upgradation of the equipment of the existing four colour OB vans;

(ii) Procurement of additional six colour OB vans;

(iii) Computerisation of display of scores, statistics, etc.;

(iv) Training of the staff to be deputed for coverage of the event;

(v) Screening of commentators and experts involved in covering the event; and

(vi) Deputing a team of experts to exemine camera positions at various stadia so that a uniform level of production is achieved.

Action on the recommendations of the High Level Committee on problems of Ex-servicemen

1001. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken so far by Government on the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Problems of Ex-servicemen; and

(b) what amount is likely to be incurred annually on implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The High Level Committee on problems of Ex-servicemen, which submitted its report in October 1984, made 68 recommendations. The Government have accepted 47 recommendations; 4 have been partly accepted and 3 are likely to be accepted. Seven recommendations have not been accepted but four are to be taken care of through existing schemes-institutions. Out of the remaining seven recommendations under consideration, 3 relating to pensions are under examination in the light of the Pay Commission Report Part II.

The recommendations are to be implemented by State Governments and the Central Ministries concerned who have been addressed at the level of Chief Ministers and Union Ministers for speedy implementation.

The State Governments/Central Ministries have also been approached